

Meeting Minutes

Fort William First Nation Governance Committee

Date: Wednesday September 17, 2014

Location: Cultural Room, FWFN Community Centre

Chair: Damien Lee (Governance Coordinator)

Recorder: Damien Lee

Present:

Damien Lee

Ken Cyrette

Louise Ward

Marlene Pierre (Elder)

Lynda Banning

Stephanie MacLaurin

Regrets:

Jacob McKay

Jamie-Lee Wittmeier

Kelsea Pelletier

Councilor Phil (Benny) Solomon

Councilor Trevor Wells

Councilor Wyatt Bannon

Agenda Item	Action
1. Opening Prayer	➤ Damien Lee
2. Review of Agenda	➤ Agenda accepted with one addition: update on sub-committees
3. Update on Sub-committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Engagement sub-committee: two community engagement meetings are planned: September 22 and November 3, in the cultural room. The purpose of the first meeting is to inform FWFN about the current Membership Code; provide background information on the Code; and to inform FWFN about plans to renew the Code.➤ UPDATE: The September 22 meeting is canceled due to death in community – at the time of writing these minutes, a new date has not yet been scheduled. Governance Committee to decide on a date for October.➤ Engagement of off-reserve members: Damien to write a newsletter entry informing all members to visit the Governance page of the FWFN website (http://fwfn.com/government/governance), and to call/email Damien for more information. Damien also to secure equipment to record public engagement meetings, either by video or audio.➤ All Governance Committee members in attendance committed to being present at community engagement meetings, to support proceedings. Damien and Stephanie will facilitate; Lynda will take notes. Other members will work one-on-one with attendees to address their concerns, if needed.

<p>4. Review of Other Membership Codes and UOI E-<i>Dbendaagziji</i>g Citizenship Law</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Committee reviewed a number of other s.10 membership codes (found in tab 7 of binder). ➤ Discussed what we agreed with and disagreed with within each code; discussion ensued about how these issues related to FWFN's context. ➤ Other s.10 membership codes available online at www.indigenousnationhood.com/identity/membership/codes.html ➤ Question remains how any new membership code will work with the Union of Ontario Indians' <i>E-Dbendaagziji</i>g Citizenship Law.
<p>5. Next meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ October 8, 2014 in Elder's Centre (side of Community Centre)
<p>6. Meeting end</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Adjourn